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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SAUDI ARABIA: KHALID COMPLAINS TO SIMON

KING KHALID TOLD SECRETARY SIMON FEBRUARY 28:

--HE WELCOMES THE US CONTRIBUTION TO SAUDI ECONOMIC
PROGRESS AND HOPES FOR FAST RESULTS.

--THE SAG'S VISA POLICY AS REGARDS JEWS IS POLITICAL IN
NATURE AND IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY.

--IT IS UNFAIR OF THE US TO COMPLAIN OF THIS POLICY
WHILE GIVING THE SAG NO CREDIT FOR ITS REFUSAL TO DEAL
WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS--SOMETHING FROM WHICH THE WEST
BENEFITS.

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NOTING THAT, IN ORDER TO "SEND THE US A MESSAGE," PRINCE

SAUD HAD WANTED SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT POSTPONED, COMMERCE MINISTER SOLAIM WARNED CHARGE HORAN THAT US PRESSURE ON THE BOYCOTT AND VISA ISSUES IS HAVING NEGATIVE RESULTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) JIDDA 1511, 2/29.)

2. LATIN AMERICA WANTS SPECIAL TRADE TREATMENT

COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO SAID HE IS PRESSING THE IDEA OF SPECIAL TARIFF PREFERENCES FROM THE US FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SINCE THE LATINS ARE NOW THE ONLY LDC BLOC WITHOUT SPECIAL PREFERENCES FROM AN INDUSTRIAL NATION, FACIO BELIEVES PREVIOUS LATIN AMERICAN OPPOSITION TO THE IDEA IS DEAD. (UNCLASSIFIED) SAN JOSE 1010, 2/27.) INGERSOLL

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